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CALENDAR – The week ahead	Receive our newsletter by email, please send your request to: <a href="mailto:paynesville.ps@education.vic.gov.au">paynesville.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>		
TERM 3 Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July - EG Art Gallery excursion Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Division Winter Sports - Tee Ball	Term Dates 2021  Term 1: January 28 <sup>th</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> Term 2: April 19 <sup>th</sup> to June 25 <sup>th</sup> Term 3: July 12 <sup>th</sup> to September 17 <sup>th</sup> Term 4: October 4 <sup>th</sup> to December 17 <sup>th</sup> .  PUBLIC HOLIDAYS		
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## Dear Parents and Carers

As I reflect on the past term, I am proud of the busy and productive term our school community has had. There have been many academic, sporting and cultural highlights where our students have always given their best effort.

I wish all our families a wonderful and well earned break over the holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for the beginning of Term 3.

Below are photos of our Grade 5/6 Spelling Bee champions, more about this on the following pages.



### **Grade 5**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harrison Bramhall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bonnie McCaskill
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jemma Markwell O'Neill



#### **Grade 6**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sara Melrose		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bohdan Ward		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rahni Grant		

# Spelling Bee

On Thursday this week we held our first ever Paynesville Primary School Spelling Bee. I was so impressed with how many of our students were up for the challenge. It is quite confronting to orally spell words in front of an audience, and everyone who entered, aced it!

It is wonderful to have events that celebrate academic ability and excellence. To watch our students congratulate the winners truly made my day. They were genuinely so happy for them.

Congratulations to all our placegetters, the first and second placegetters in Grade 5/6 are able to move onto the VicSpell competition that will be held at Nagle College in August. We wish Harry, Bonnie, Sara and Bohdan all the best for the next level of competition.



## <u>Prep</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Tilly Loe 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Shejo

3<sup>rd</sup> Equal Olivia Gordon, Anthony D'Amore,

**Annie Rickhuss** 



#### **Grade 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Japleen Kaur

2<sup>nd</sup> Equal Walter Rutherford, Nathan

McGrath



#### Grade 2

1<sup>st</sup> Luke Noske2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Guthrie

3<sup>rd</sup> Equal Bella White, George Wood-Laird



## Grade 3

1<sup>st</sup> Liam Davidson

2<sup>nd</sup> Equal Alanis Hildred, Angus McCaskill



## Grade 4

1<sup>st</sup> Emily Melrose2<sup>nd</sup> Austin Burke

3<sup>rd</sup> Equal Ella Maddern, Annabell Longey,

Dixie Clack

# Alpha Show - Cinderella

On Monday afternoon this week we were delighted to be able to host the Alpha Crew with their outstanding presentation of Cinderella – with modern influences. The show was enjoyed immensely by all of our students, they manage to include something for everyone. I ask a few of our students about what they thought of the show and these are the responses I got...

It was very funny - Ayla

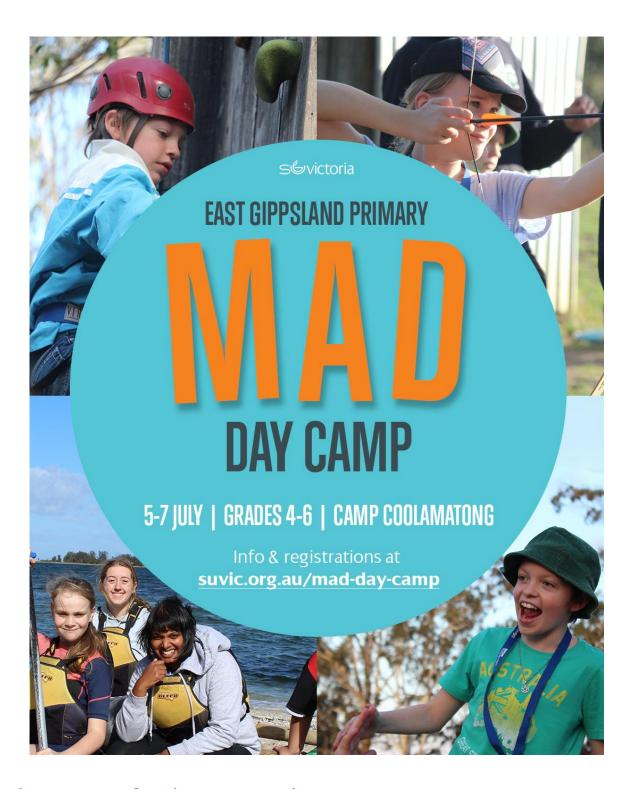
The special effects were cool – Abbey

I liked the costumes and music – Abigail

I liked the stepmother that was a dude, his name was Lachie and he's always the evil person – Bonnie

I liked how all the outfits were handmade. - Elizabeth





# Bendigo Bank Sandpit Upgrade

Ever heard of a bank that reinvests its profits back into own community? Paynesville Community Bank Branch does!

Support our sponsors who support us! Call into the Paynesville Community Bank Branch if you have any banking needs. They bigger they grow, the more they support our community – it's a Win/Win for everyone!



# University of NSW ICAS Assessments

We are delighted to inform you that Paynesville Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: <a href="https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas">https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas</a>

These assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence for high potential students. The emphasis is on challenge and extension.

These exams are held at school, during school time and are an excellent opportunity for your child to experience a serious exam situation. Many students enjoy the academic challenge.

#### In 2021 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

	Sitting Dates	Cost
Digital Technologies	Monday 9th August to Friday 13th	\$17.05
(Grade 3 -6 students)	August	
Science	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$17.05
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August	
Spelling Bee	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$17.05
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August	
English	Monday 16th August to Friday 20th	\$17.05
(Grade 2 -6 students)	August	
Mathematics	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$17.05
(Grade 2 -6 students)	September	
Writing	Monday 9th August to Friday 13th	\$21.45
(Grade 3 -6 students)	August	

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

Our school's unique access code is: HPN060

Online parent payment closes Sunday, 25 July 2021.

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.



# Paynesville PS Calendar TERM 2

Please note any changes to the calendar have been highlighted in RED.

<u>TERM 3 2021</u>									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
School Holidays 28 <sup>th</sup> June – 9 <sup>th</sup> July									
11 JULY	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>			
	Start of Term 3	EG Art Gallery Excursion			Division Tee Ball Competition				
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>			
	Bendigo Bank Sandpit Opening at Assembly	MyGolf @ School	Nexus Arts Performance – Magical World of Crazy Science		Nexus Arts Performance - Zimboyz				
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			
		MyGolf @ School							
1 AUG	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>			
	Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp	Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp	Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp		Jeans for Genes Day				
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>			
		MyGolf @ School		Central Districts Athletics	VicSpell Competition				
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>			
		MyGolf @ School							
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>			
		MyGolf @ Bairnsdale Golf Club							
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	1 SEPT	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>			